

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media manipulation and bias.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get money driven individuals dangerously influencing the public by airing programs claiming to be based on "facts". Instead of something presented as news having valid importance now but based on issues of the distant past, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter in the present.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.